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1. The Soviet 7,800-ton steamer "Zenyavin" (the former German "Phoenicia") left the ROSTOCK (A 55/0 81) Neptun Shipyard for an unknown destination on 25 June 1949. *
2. The 3,550-ton steamer "Aequator" was in dry-dock at the Neptun Yards from 25 June 1949 and was then moored to be painted. *
3. The 3,500-ton ship "Pollkas" of the "Aequator" class (former German "Messina") has been in dry-dock at the Neptun Yards since 9 July 1949. *
4. The destroyer "Provosnye" (former German "Z 33") was still berthed in the Neptun shipyard. The repair work on the destroyer was nearly finished; it had just been painted. Destroyer crew-members were frequently seen on shore leave; they were recognizable by the inscription on the bands around their caps. The destroyer received new armament, now having six 150-mm guns mounted in three twin-turrets, one forward and two aft on the vessel. The radar set which the destroyer mounted appeared to be the original German set. **
5. One old former German destroyer, armed with five 127-mm guns, was also repaired in the Neptun Yards. ***
6. The shipyard also worked on two torpedo boats of the German "Iltis" class. The armament of the vessels had been removed for repair. ***
7. The modern minesweeper "T 720" (a former German vessel) was repaired in the yards.

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- * The steamers are listed in the shipping register.
- ** The armament of the destroyer is considered very heavy, unless the six 150-mm guns were of new design with essentially less weight, and thus less performance than the guns the destroyer formerly had.
- *** The destroyer was either the former German "Friedrich Ihn" or "Erich Steinbrink".
- **** All torpedo boats of the German "Iltis" class were sunk during the war. The alleged torpedo boats were presumably the previously observed Soviet destroyers "Otvashni" and "Svirepi".

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